



Easterly Echoes

Mrs. M. Czeperak has been enjoying a visit from her uncle from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Savard are happy to announce the arrival of a 7 pound, 4 ounce baby daughter, Gloria Darlene at the Wainwright hospital on December 8th, a sister for Lorraine and Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph are proud to announce the arrival of a baby son in the Wainwright hospital on December 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph came from Holland this last year.

At the Battle River W.I. meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. Enger; 1st Vice-Pres. Mrs. A. Bacon; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. Dootson; Secretary, Mrs. W. Sanders; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Steele; Directors, Mrs. R. King, Mrs. G. Fenton, Mrs. Barton and Auditors Mrs. H. Pascha and Mrs. Wes Bacon. The secretary's yearly report given by Mrs. W. Sanders showed a busy year of varied activities and Mrs. G. Fenton's treasurer's report showed it was a financial success too.

Mrs. K. Stougard left on the morning of the tenth for Los Angeles, California, where she plans to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Campbell and son Holgar for the winter. Her first stop will be with her sister in Seattle until after the Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King and son Norman made a business trip to Edmonton.

The Christmas Concert at Crescent Hill will be on December 23rd. "The air is full of gladness, The day is full of cheer. It's time to send a greeting, For Christmas is here; And in this little message You'll find a wish or two. To make this Christmas Season A joyous one for you!" Merry Christmas — Happy New Year.

—Your Scribe.

IRMA RINK WINS AT VIKING

An Irma foursome of curlers, fully equipped with brooms and enthusiasm, visited Viking on Wednesday to participate in a curling event, where a rink each from Kilham, Edmonton, Innisfree and Irma played a round robin draw with 4 Viking rinks.

The Irma rink of Harold Fuder, Merle Knudson, Herb Black and Charlie Milne took home first prize.

They report having a very fine afternoon and are high with praise for the excellent way that the Viking boys entertain visitors.

Irma Curlers Form Rinks

The weather is cold but the Irma Curling Club seems to thrive on it and is away to a flying start. The ice seems to be the best yet while the quality of curling displayed has reached a new high. Here is a list of the rinks now playing.

Men's Club

A. McClure, S. Knowles, A. Firkus, C. Firkus.
W. Frickelton, C. Anquist, K. Gulbraa, S. Gordon.
R. Kirkman, S. Fenton, S. Hlynka, D. Hockett.
W. Lawson, D. McKay, I. Bolger, C. Barber.
I. S. Reeds, V. Torrens, H. Inglis, P. Touchette.
J. C. McLean, K. Coffin, F. Clumstad, H. Riley.
C. Milne, M. Knutson, H. Fuder, C. Pyle.
A. C. Archibald, C. Smallwood, D. Gunn, H. Larson.
N. McMillan, Geo. Fischer, R. Burton, Mrs. G. Fischer.
S. Brown, R. Taylor, R. McFarland Jr., W. Enger.
H. Black, P. Jones, R. McFarland Sr., C. Savard.
J. McKay, D. Simmermon, E. Jackson, H. Tomlinson.
V. Sampson, J. Ostad, R. Ramsay, E. Hustad.
L. Barrs, J. Barrs, L. Currie, H. Currie.
I. Hardy, R. Johnson, G. Coulman, F. Lukens.

Ladies' Club

Evelyn Prior, Shirley Enger, Elmer Murphy, Lucille Touchette, Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Sather, Mrs. Pond.
Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Darkes.
Mrs. S. Fenton, Mrs. C. Archibald, Mrs. M. Enger, Mrs. Clumstad.
Mrs. Anquist, Mrs. McFarland, Winnie Reeves, Chalotte Milne.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my friends for the lovely cards, fruit and flowers I received during my stay in the Wainwright hospital and after my return home. All was very much appreciated.

Alice L. Flewelling.

FOR SALE

Purbed Hereford bull. C. Ramsay, Irma. 17-31p

FOR SALE

One set new 2 1/2" steel sleighs. Apply H. Riley, Irma. 17

FOR SALE

3 year old, well broken saddle mare. Phone R216, Arnold Enger. 117p

LOCALS

Don't forget to come to church 15 minutes earlier on Sunday next as there will be carol singing in the United church from seven fifteen to seven thirty.

The United church Sunday School party will be held in the United church on Wednesday, December 22nd. All parents and friends of the Sunday School are welcome. A special offering for Wood's Christian Home will be taken at this time.

Irma never looked more Christmas than it does this year. All the stores have gone to a lot of trouble to have their windows and interior decorated especially nice. There are more lighted Christmas trees than ever, either standing in the front yards of private residences or displayed in living rooms. Let's hope it's our happiest Christmas yet and as Tiny Tim observed, "God Bless us everyone."

Misses Jeannene and Lorna Archibald were recent visitors to the

Mrs. Watkinson returned from Wainwright hospital on Monday evening and is convalescing very nicely.

Our C.N.R. agent, Mr. E. H. Targett, is sporting a black eye for the Christmas season and taking a lot of good natured joking in regard to the same. We feel it only right to aver that he really did run into a post, and at top speed, too, breaking his glasses and cutting his eyelid. He is glad that nothing more serious than this spectacular shiner resulted from the collision.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Larson, Mrs. Mabel Mellott and Lloyd and Mr. R. Hansen were on a Christmas shopping trip in Edmonton recently.

Mrs. Dick McRoberts visited last week-end with her father, Mr. Horn, of Wainwright.

Mrs. M. Czeperak is enjoying a visit from her uncle, Mr. John Koblar.

All places of business in Irma will be open until late Friday night December 24, and will not reopen until the following Tuesday morning.

The next meeting of the Irma Young People's Association will be held in the United church on Tuesday, December 21, at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be the Christmas party with Ethel Murphy in charge of the entertainment. All Young people are cordially invited to attend.

We are glad to acknowledge a letter from Mrs. Caswell at Chibougamau, B.C. Mrs. Caswell is the former Rose Sharkey and she tells us how much she enjoys the Times and also the visits she gets from Irmaites who pass through Cranbrook when on their travels. Her latest callers were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Glasgow, Aletha Margaret Glasgow and Mrs. Jas. Pond. Mrs. Caswell's father, Mr. E. E. Sharkey is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Caswell sent us a recipe which will be published shortly.

NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

Miss Carol Ahlf, who has been staying with her grandmother, Mrs. D. Whidden for the past few months, has returned to her home at Ellsboro.

Word has been received from the coast of the death of Mrs. Matt Lockhart on December 4th. The Lockharts lived north of Jarrow for some years and will be remembered by many of the old timers. The sympathy of the community go out to Mr. Lockhart and their two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers and children are leaving this week on a trip to the state of Louisiana where they will visit with Mr. Myers' grandmother and other relatives. His sister, Mrs. Hardy and children, will accompany them on the trip.

Alfred Oraschick is helping out at the Myers' home and will be there to look after things in general during their absence.

Another of our neighbors is seeking warmer climate for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lockhart left on Tuesday for a visit to the coast where they will spend Christmas and the early part of the winter with friends and relatives.

Northern Nuggets

Allen Hardy returned from Fero's lumber camp on Monday last. Messrs Edgar and E. J. Jones, Wm. Ramsey, S. Gordon Ramsay and Douglas McKenzie went up to Edmonton early this week. Mr. Ramsey and Mr. E. J. Jones remained in the city for medical treatment.

The many friends of Mr. David Currie will be sorry to know that he has had to return to the General hospital.

The Buffalo Coulee W.I. is holding a card party and dance in the Albert School on Wednesday, December 29th. Proceeds of this to go to the Irma Community Hall project.

A very interesting meeting was conducted in the Albert school on Friday last when Mr. Peterson, the Wheat Pool official, met with the folks of the district and showed several very fine films. A good discussion followed and a happy social hour over the coffee cups. Mr. Peterson expressed his appreciation of the hospitality received in this district.

IRMA W.I. TO MEET ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th

The January meeting of the Irma Women's Institute will be held at Mrs. J. C. McLean's home on Thursday, January 6th. Mrs. W. Rae and Mrs. John Rae are the program committee for this meeting.

Hostesses, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Alma Enger. Let's start the New Year with a full attendance.

A good thick gravy can be made by using the water in which rice has been cooked.

Notice To Farmer Curlers

The Farmers' Bonspiel will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, December 28 - 29. Each rink must have 2 inexperienced players.

Anyone who has curled no more than one bonspiel previously is counted as inexperienced.

REPORT OF W.C.T.U. MEETING

At the regular W.C.T.U. meeting held Saturday last a resolution was passed urging each member, having protested against liquor ads, by publishers of any periodical to which she is a subscriber, if the remittance is not needed, he cancel her subscription, explaining why.

The evangelistic superintendent delivered an eloquent appeal that youth be surrounded with an environment that will lead to good influence.

The president gave a brief address on the theme "I am my brother's keeper," illustrating the fact that every individual adult has a definite responsibility in the upholding of both moral and statutory law.

Next meeting date January 15, 1949.

Items From Kinsella And District

Mr. and Mrs. S. Simmons were recent visitors to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Horne left Kinsella last Friday for a holiday with friends and relatives in the United States.

The Kinsella stores have taken on a very festive look for the Xmas season, and are very well stocked with all the seasonal goods. There will be a Students' Union ion Drive held at the school on Wednesday evening at 8:30. Also sponsored by the Students' Union is a dance to be held in the hall next Friday evening. The Wainwright orchestra will supply the music.

TENDERS WANTED

Wainwright School Division No. 32

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on December 17, 1948 for sale of the old school buildings at Metropolitan School No. 1737. Highest or low tender not necessarily accepted.

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS, Secretary-Treasurer, Wainwright School Div. No. 32 10-17

Come to Church

AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION Services for week Dec. 17-21

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.—Impromptu Christmas program by the Sunday school children. Parents are invited to attend.

7:30 p.m.—Special Christmas service.

Tuesday: 8:00 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

You are always welcome.

Rev. R. E. Oswald.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." II Cor. 8:9. "He laid aside His purple robe for a peasant's gown. He was rich yet for our sake He became poor. How poor? Ask Mary! Ask the wise men! He slept in another's manger. He cruised the lake in another's boat. He was buried in another man's tomb. He became Son of man, that we might become sons of God. He suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. Are you rich in Him?"

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

Sunday 10:45—Sunday school and Bible class.

11:45—Morning worship service, 3:00 p.m.—The annual Sunday school Christmas program.

Wednesday: 8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.

We cordially invite you to our services. You are always welcome. Geo. E. Warnock, pastor. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour Which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's church on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to worship with us at this service.

UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Services Strawberry Plains—11:00 a.m. Albert—2:00 p.m. Service in the home of Mr. C. L. Currie. Irma—Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Wainwright service 7:15 p.m. There will be carol singing starting at 7:15, special music by the choir and a Christmas message by the pastor. Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Joy to The World

Now again is there time to put special emphasis on the true meaning of the Christmas spirit. Let each one of us work to make this holiday season merry for everyone we know. In this spirit we wish each of you the merriest possible Christmas.

Irma Co-op Ass'n

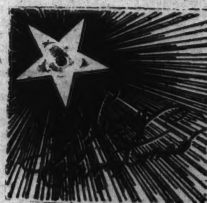
Kind Remembrances At Christmastime



May the Christmas of 1948 be among the most joyous you have ever known

Imperial Lumber Co. Ltd.

H. L. BLACK, Branch Manager



Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bubs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1948, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people. To each and all we wish a very Merry Christmas.

Kirkman & McLean

General Merchants and Cold Storage Lockers

Reports World Air Gradually Getting Dirtier

NEW YORK.—The air of the entire world is getting dirtier, and the 19 deaths from smog at Donora, Pa., may be a warning. Much of this extra dirt is an invisible chemical fog, made of gases from an industrialized, motorized civilization.

The facts on world-wide pollution are published in the year book of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. These studies were made over oceans, the areas with the earth's purest air.

"The air about us," the report says, "is gradually becoming polluted with foreign gases. These gases owe their origin to varied industrial operations and to erupted gases from volcanoes."

The polluted atmosphere is not confined to land areas, but extends far out to sea.

The products of pollution appear to be gradually accumulating in the air over the ocean near industrial areas, near the principal ocean trade routes, and also over the more isolated regions of the ocean.

This over-ocean pollution, says the report, apparently about doubled from 1914 to 1929.

The Carnegie report does not specifically mention the pollution created by the average citizen, and his car exhaust.

The air of cities is estimated to be about 500 times more polluted than ocean air.

In the average city Dr. Helmut Landsberg, of Pennsylvania State College, calculates that each person breathes in about nine hundred million very tiny particles—called nuclei—every minute, and that ninety million of them are retained.

Atomic energy, which contains the greatest of all potential dangers for poisoning the air, promises to be the turning point toward world wide poisoning for pure air.

KEPT RATIONS FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS

NOTTINGHAM, England.—Opening two tins she had kept for 33 years—one of asparagus, the other of "iron rations"—Mrs. J. Hinton, found the contents in good condition.

The "iron rations" dated 1906, comprised cocoa and hard biscuit.

: STAMP CORNER :

By JAMES MONTAGNES



—Stamps courtesy Alden C. Johnson, Toronto.

New issues recently received include (top left) Uruguay's stamp to the industrial and agricultural exhibitions of Andean countries; (top center) one of Bolivia's stamps marking the 25th anniversary of 1923 revolution; (top right) Paraguay's set to the centenary of its merchant fleet, and (below left to right), a Greek stamp to mark the 1941 parachute invasion of Crete by the Germans; Czechoslovakia's stamp to Dr. Vanicki, a leader of the national Sokol games; and Poland's stamp to the 1945 stamp fair.

Among the many ways of specialization, there is one which allows for a small stamp collection, which will be very interesting for the collector as well as to show to friends. This is the collecting of tete-beche pairs.

This highly specialized form of stamp collecting consists of finding certain error types of stamps. The error occurs in the stamp printing process in many cases, resulting in one stamp being printed upside down. Thus the 1½-cent value of the King George V portrait stamp. One stamp appears in the normal way, the other alongside is printed upside down. If the pair of stamps is separated there would be no difference in the stamp. The value of the stamps is in their being joined, yet being upside down to each other.

Printers or engravers making up the plates for stamps of this value in South Africa, placed one stamp design upside down, and the error was not detected till the stamps were on sale at the post-office, resulting in one of the few errors among stamps of the British Commonwealth. A pair of these stamps are valuable.

Among more recent issues are stamps of Belgium in various issues from 1920 on, featuring King Albert, King Leopold III and the coat-of-arms design. There is even a booklet pair of six stamps, two of which are inverted to form tete-beche pairs. Czechoslovakia has printed some of these errors in the 1920 issues. Switzerland is another country where the stamp printers made errors, and tete-beche pairs are known of one or

WONDERS OF ROYAL WINTER FAIR—Thousands flocked to Toronto from all parts of Canada to see the agricultural exhibits and numerous other wonders which were being displayed at the 20th annual Royal Winter Fair. Dutch windmill in front of the display from Holland is twirled by Lyn Hunter. At the horse show the musical ride of the R.C.M.P. squad was a feature performance. Army jumping teams from France, Mexico and Canada took part in opening ceremony of the fair.—S.N.S. photo.

Well-Known Seagoing Tugboat Still Busy

CHESTER, Pa.—Towing a disabled tanker 6,100 miles to Chester is nothing new for the Zwart-Zee, a 765-ton seagoing tugboat, known the world round as "Old Rescue."

During the war, the sturdy Dutch tug saved hundreds of sailors, 52 ships which were torpedoed or mined, and thousands of tons of valuable cargo.

"Old Rescue" also marked up at least one Nazi ship to her war record, a submarine which inadvertently surfaced after sending several torpedoes into a freighter she was towing to port. A few well-aimed depth bombs did the job.

Since the war, the tug has pulled eight ships into port. But her crew hasn't seen Holland since August, 1947, when "Old Rescue" hauled a dredger 8,700 miles from Rotterdam to the Dutch East Indies. They were headed back home last February when the disabled tanker turned up.

The enduring word "Masourneen" is derived from two Irish words, mo and mhurnen, meaning my darling.

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press
Canadian Writer

An orchid sold for \$10,000. It was of a very rare white variety and not—as you probably suspected—the color of solid gold.

Joe Louis comes out of retirement to defend his world heavyweight title once more. He discovered that no matter how strong you are it is physically impossible to turn your back on \$100,000.

Scientists sank a camera a mile in the seller's hand he indicates his beneath the surface and photographed activities of a sea spider. The story didn't say whether or not the spider was husily engaged in catching sea flies.

The north pole, scientists tell us, is gradually growing warmer and warmer. However, it will be some time yet before Santa Claus finds it necessary to trade in that sleigh for a convertible.

English hat makers decry the current bare-headed fad. That's one custom they'd like to put a lid on.

A Temple university psychiatrist says "few people understand love." This may be the reason for the prevalence of that cat's remark: "Now what in the world can she see in him?"

Men past 30 should develop a sense of humor, says a medico. In other words, don't mourn lost youth—just grin and bear it.

Hockey game attendance figures show a big drop. Are the fans turning the cold shoulder?

Newest Engine Could Travel Through Earth

LOS ANGELES.—A scientist says an engine can be developed to travel through the earth with underground warfare a possibility.

The statement was made by Dr. Fritz Zwicky, professor of astrophysics at California Institute of Technology and director of research for Aero-Jet, world's largest builder of rocket engines.

The scientist said studies are being made for "a propelled vehicle that will drill through the earth like a mole."

Such a machine he described as a "terra-pulse" engine. He said it would have great commercial use in drilling for minerals and petroleum.

Pistachio nuts may be reddish or yellow while on the tree; the kernel ranges from pale to green to cream.

A SCOTTISH CARTOONIST PORTRAYS "THE NEW MANDARINS"



1,600-Mile Cattle Drive In Australia

One of the greatest cattle drives in the recent history of Australia will soon end when a mob of 3,600 Shorthorns will reach Wodonga in Northeast Victoria. The cattle will have been more than six months on the road and will have travelled 1,600 miles.

This drive began from the Diamantina River district of Western Queensland on June 11. The cattle were moved to avoid the drought conditions which have since become intense in the upper Diamantina country.

The greatest cattle drives in Australia's history, as far as both distance covered and time taken go, date back to the eighties of last century when the cattle country in the far north and northwest of the continent was stocked with cattle driven right across Australia.

In 1882, for instance, the MacDonnell Brothers set out from a point near Goulburn, in Southern New Wales, to drive cattle to the Kimberley district of Western Australia. Two years later, in 1884, the cattle reached the Ord River after a drive of more than 3,000 miles. The cattle crossed crocodile haunted rivers and were speared by wild blacks. Of eight men who started the drive five completed it.

Drives of almost equal length were made by Connor, Doherty and Durack to the Kimberley country, by Nat. Buchanan to Wave Hill in the Northern Territory and by other pioneers. In more recent years the Farquharson Brothers drove a big mob of cattle from the Ord River to the Queensland coast, a distance of more than 2,000 miles. The drive included the crossing of a waterless stretch of 90 miles.

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Britain's Bees Have Right To Sting

MALTON, Yorkshire, Eng.—British beekeepers heaved a sigh of relief at a judge's ruling that bees have a right to sting.

Mrs. T. Beuchell charged in court that the bees of neighbor Francis Ellis had stung her 10 times in three years, sent her to bed, and cost her husband 10 working days spent in nursing her.

She wanted an injunction and \$80 damages.

The judge dismissed the case, saying Mrs. Mitchell's feelings, more than anything else, were hurt when she was stung.

JAPANESE FIRM PAYS WAGES IN MOUTH ORGANS

TOKYO.—Employees of the Ogura Music Company were in a position recently to play the blues literally. The company has gone bankrupt and is paying them off in its product—harmonicas.

Back wages and severance pay range from 15 to 25 mouth organs apiece.

New Drug In Asthma Treatment

NEW YORK.—A group of Brooklyn physicians recently reported "striking results" in the treatment of bronchial asthma with a new drug. The drug, actually a combination of two drugs, is known as hydryllin and was described as the most effective found so far in the treatment of asthma.

The report came from Drs. Harry Markow, Samuel Bloom, and Harry Leibowitz, of the department of medicine, division of applied immunology, Beth-el Hospital. Results of their studies, reported in the New York State Journal of Medicine, were based on 81 cases of allergy, including 46 cases of bronchial asthma.

The drug, they reported, is in tablet form. At the outset one tablet a day was given, and then the dosage was increased in some cases to six a day.

In a group of hay fever cases, 14, or 52 per cent, obtained definite relief, they reported.

They further said that in six cases of perennial allergic rhinitis the results were "disappointing, since in only one case was there any relief experienced."

"However, in the group of 36 asthmatics complicated by or complicating nasal allergy, the results were decidedly better than have been experienced to date with other anti-histaminic drugs," they said.

An anti-histaminic drug supposedly neutralizes the action of histamine, the suspect in the cause of allergies. The new drug, a combination of benadryl (a trade name) and aminophyllin, caused some unfavorable reactions in the patient, including drowsiness, weakness, and dizziness, but the benefits gained in most cases offset the bad effects.

"From evidence presented in this group of 81 cases," they said, "can readily be seen that the chief value of hydryllin as an anti-histaminic agent will be in the treatment of bronchial asthma, either alone or when complicated by other types of allergy."

They said that "while the most striking results were noted in the treatment of bronchial asthma, hydryllin has also proved of some value in the treatment of hay fever."

Ancient City Is Found In Jungle

MEXICO CITY.—Discovery of the ruins of a Mayan city about 1,200 years old has been announced by Mexican archaeologists.

Cesar Lizardi Ramos who headed an expedition into the jungles of Yucatan Peninsula in search of the ruins, said the city was known as K'ana and dated from around 780 A.D.

It is located about 180 miles south of Mexico, capital of Yucatan State, and 38 miles west of the village of Carrillo Puerto, in the territory of Quintana Roo.

Lizardi Ramos said the most important finds thus far were three altars and two stone pillars with inscriptions in Mayan pictorial language.

One of the pillars, he said, bore a complete date in Mayan with the notation that "the moon was 11 days old." According to Lizardi, Mayan stone cutters meant that 11 days had passed since the moon appeared that month. He estimated the date on the pillar corresponded to Nov. 13, 783.

Gradually the number of persons engaged in breeding silver foxes increased. So now a silver fox cost about \$45 and it is a better fur than the one that sold for \$1,000 in 1906.

Pasteurized Milk Is Safe.

ON THE SIDE

—By E. V. Durling

If of you to dream at night,
To languish when you're out of sight,
If when you're gone to count each hour,
To ask for the all-ruling Power
That you may kind and faithful prove:
If this is loving—then I love.
To wish your fortune to partake,
Determined never to forsake
Though low in poverty we strive,
To hope that me your wife you'll call
To offer you my little all:
If this is loving—then I love.

How many things are cheaper than they were 40 years ago? Even a Young Old Timer, with an unusual memory would have a struggle answering that query. However, there are such things. As for example the silver fox scarf, which about 1906 cost \$1,000. The silver fox was a scarce animal in those days. Gradually the number of persons engaged in breeding silver foxes increased. So now a silver fox cost about \$45 and it is a better fur than the one that sold for \$1,000 in 1906.

HORSES AND WOMEN
That song titled "I Don't Want Her, You Can Have Her, She's Too Fat For Me" is distinctly unfair to plump women. It gives a wrong impression of the general situation. Some of the world's most loved women are in the plump class. Right now Philip Edwards, a London widower, is seeking a number of newspaper advertisements a "short stout wife weighing about 15 stone." Fifteen stone is 210 pounds. "You may wonder why Mr. Edwards seeks such a stout wife. It is because he was happily married for 25 years to a short woman who weighed 22 pounds. He wants his second wife to be as near like his first as possible."

SLOWED DOWN
After horse races thoroughbreds are given saliva tests and other tests designed to determine if the animal has been doped. Something similar should be given to prize fighters. In some recent prize-fighting bouts, it appears the loser has done the best he could. Investigation has been unable to prove otherwise. However, if an honest fighter has been given, up to him to slow down will be a serious preparation that dulls his physically and mentally, his best is not going to be very good. The gamblers seem to have the New York State fight situation well in hand.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

COFFEE PERCOLATES

By T. M. RIDER

HERE'S the studio, Carol. And I've got the passes ready." Tom grinned like a kid at a circus and scrambled from the sedan, but Carol sat patiently until he called back, "Come on. We're late now!"

Then he remembered and flushed. "Darn, I always forget!" And he hurried around to open her door.

"How sweet of you, my dear," Carol gracefully took his arm, but he grasped her elbow and rushed for the gate, waving the passes under the guard's nose.

It was all very humiliating! He'd received the passes from a Hollywood movie director for whom he'd done a business favor, and he could have acted more sophisticated. She looked at him a little wistfully. He was tall, broad-shouldered, with wavy black hair and warm brown eyes that sparkled with a zest for living. Still he just wasn't the romantic type. A more sensitive man would have responded more gallantly to her cues for attention, she thought.

On the movie set they found the cameras already focused on a brilliantly illuminated hotel scene. When a tall, dark man appeared in the luxurious lobby, a delightful shiver tingled Carol's spine. Oh, why couldn't her Tom stand so masterfully erect instead of being addicted to jamming both hands into his trouser pockets!

Just because they'd been married one whole year was no reason for him to get into a humdrum-rut, she thought. That was why she'd been delighted and amazed when he'd obtained the studio passes and had suggested the Hollywood trip.

"Let's go see one of those goosy love movies you're always dragging me to," he'd grinned quizzically, "in the making, that is."

Her thoughts were interrupted by the appearance of the lustrous female star on the scene.

"Did I keep you waiting long, Ronald dear?" the beauty asked softly. "Only an hour, my sweet," Ronald smiled magnetic disapproval, then added huskily, "But I'd wait for you forever, Cynthia!"

Carol sighed deeply. Now why couldn't Tom act like that when she was a little late, instead of hollering

his head off?

The two lovers walked on, Ronald striding seriously erect while Cynthia swayed at his side like a graceful wood nymph.

"You're beautiful, my darling," Ronald whispered, suddenly taking a yielding Cynthia into his arms. Afterwards, he assisted her into a waiting cab, and as it pulled away his sleek head pressed close to hers for another long, passionate kiss.

Suddenly a voice bellowed, "Okay, cut!" And Carol blinked. He kept staring straight in front because she was remembering how Tom had rushed her from his sedan, as though she were a bag of potatoes. She wondered how long it had taken Ronald to acquire his poise and manners. Of course, it took time and effort to become a gentleman; but hadn't been born that way. But Tom, well, even his dreams concerned business.

Suddenly, she stiffened because the cab door had banged open and out stalked the gallant lover. He slammed the door shut. The beautiful girl promptly kicked it open.

"Listen, Romeo," she gritted, frowning out, "when you crawl into this back seat watch those clumsy clothes of yours. I'm tired of getting my shins kicked black and blue."

He looked her up and down as though she were some peculiar freak. "Then stop hanging on my arm like a hippopotamus," he snapped waspishly. "I'm no derrick."

The lustrous one swept away, her lips curling with distaste.

Carol turned to Tom, a little shocked. Why he'd never dream of talking to her like that, although he did believe when he couldn't find a clean shirt that was right under his nose. Now, his jaw was set in grim, angry lines.

"What's wrong, Tom?" she asked, puzzled. "Didn't you like the scene?"

"Ah! Except that goosy-faced baboon who was so nasty to Cynthia. Now, that was no way for a man to talk to a sweet kid like her."

Carol arched the lump that suddenly choked her throat. Why, her husband's facts were actually clenched! "Darling, it was only play acting," she protested.

"No it wasn't. Not at the end there!"

His tone was hard, snapping, and she stared at him unbelievably. He seemed ready to fight for that artificial, brittle-minded star who turned emotion off and on like a water faucet. She wanted to laugh but it wasn't funny.

"If you like her that much, why don't you go back to her dressing room," she suggested lightly. "And don't forget your handkerchief. You might need it to dry her tears."

"Say, that's an idea, Carol. I mean,

.. "Sticks To The Girl Who Percolates His Coffee In The Morning."

she might autograph my handkerchief. Wow, what a souvenir that'll be to carry around in my breast pocket! Of course, I haven't got a chance with her, but I can dream, can't I?"

There was an expectant glow on his face as he started for the dressing room, and a sudden cold shiver ran through her and froze into an icicle that stabbed her into action.

"No you don't!" she uttered, reaching his arm in three frantic steps. And when he halted and gave her a big, boyish grin, she wailed, "Go ahead and laugh. I know my hair isn't dyed platinum and my lashes aren't an inch long. But who cooks for you day in and day out?"

"Okay, Carol," he said. "Let's call it quits. You stop mooning over these movie Romeos and I'll stick to the little girl who percolates my coffee in the morning. What do you say?"

She grabbed his arm and hurried him through the door on to their sedan. "I feel like percolating some coffee," she said, and sighed contentedly as he gave her a quick grin and kiss; then headed out whistling "Home Sweet Home," a bit off key but cheerfully.

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Oil Drilling Planned In Southern Manitoba

WINNIPEG. — Some exploratory work was being carried on in the southwest corner of Manitoba, particularly by California Standard company, and wells would be drilled before long, Walker Taylor, western division manager producing operations for Imperial Oil of Canada, said.

Oil sources also were being sought to a slight degree in Saskatchewan. Mr. Taylor said that as far as his company was concerned, western production would have displaced all imported crude oil by the end of this year.

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Economic Regimentation Threat To All Canadians -- B of M Head

FLEXIBLE INTEREST, MORE EQUITY CAPITAL ADVOCATED BY B. C. GARDNER AS STABILIZING FORCES

General Manager, Gordon R. Ball, Reports Record Deposits — Loans Levelling Off

Montreal, Dec. 6. — B. C. Gardner, president of the Bank of Montreal, told shareholders at the 131st annual meeting that doctrinaire socialism was attacking the moral and economic foundations of the nation. No Canadian, he stressed, can hope "that it will be possible to establish in this country some form of selective economic dictatorship that will apply to others but leave him unscathed. The experience of other countries makes it perfectly clear that once regimentation is established, no interest or class in the community can escape its toils."

Such an attack, Mr. Gardner asserted, was a challenge to all Canadians, but it placed a particular responsibility on business men. "I hold no brief," he said, "for any concern that in this day and age operated without regard to the public interest." Good business practice was the first and foremost duty of business men. They must achieve more effective public relations, business had to tell its story more completely and in tones more readily understood by the man in the street.

Weapons Against Inflation

Chief corrective to the present "wide disparity between the supply of money and the things that money buys," Mr. Gardner stated, was increased productivity, which in turn depended ultimately upon more rapid technical advance. There had been a boom in capital expenditure on new plant and equipment in Canada during the past two years, an encouraging development, but unfortunately this expansion had not been matched by an offsetting increase in saving. The result was competing demands for capital and consumer goods and a strong impetus to the upward spiral of prices and costs.

After expressing his approval of the Government's policy of operating at a substantial fiscal surplus, Mr. Gardner said that sufficient attention was being paid to the control of expenditure. Governing bodies might well be urged "to give a lead in the elimination from the public budget of all but absolutely necessary outlays."

This point, the speaker continued, took on added significance in that existing levels of taxation had a direct and adverse effect on the saving capacity of the public, particularly that portion of the community which might be regarded as a substantial source of venture capital.

The president referred to the possibility of using a flexible rate of interest both to stimulate saving and to retard the rate of capital outlay. The policy of easy money had been developed in a period of deflation and unemployment, and he felt that there would be a definite advantage in introducing a further element of flexibility into the interest rate structure.

Further, he said, it was highly desirable that an increased proportion of corporate financing should be done in equity form than through the issue of additional debt.

General Manager's Address

Gordon R. Ball, general manager, reported that the bank's assets stood at \$1,991,000,000, total deposits at \$1,877,000,000, both at the highest level in the B. of M.'s history. The volume of banking transactions had increased throughout the year, and special services of the war and

early post-war years had been replaced by the larger volume of more normal banking business.

The staff of the Bank of Montreal now numbered 9,800. Referring to journeys he had made across the continent in the course of which he visited 135 branches in Canada as well as the bank's offices in the United States, Mr. Ball said, "This was a most inspiring experience. I can't speak too highly of the fine spirit of the staff and the entire devotion of which I found evidence on all sides."

The rapid increase of personnel in recent years had brought special problems of staff training. Schools for entrants were now operating in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and senior staff courses had been instituted at head office, while intermediate courses were in contemplation for the coming year.

Mr. Ball noted that the upward trend of commercial loans, which had reached a peak in November 1947, was now levelling off, and he regarded this as a "constructive development." In view of rising prices and costs many customers were adopting a more cautious attitude in their commitments. Turning to other aspects of the bank's loan policy, he showed that advances to the grain trade, as well as loans to farmers and primary producers, had increased over the past year. The bank found great satisfaction in the fact that loans under the Farm Improvement Loans Act had risen almost 50 per cent.

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"Does this," said Mr. Ball, "it has been alleged from time to time that, because of a concentration of financial resources in the larger centres, Canadian business concerns, and small ones in particular, are at a disadvantage in dealing with branch banks in the smaller centres, the inference being that only relatively few have access to credit."

"With this view I emphatically disagree. The full facilities of the entire bank are placed at the customer's disposal. All of our branches and the number of borrowing accounts on our books is to us a clear indication that our customers' requirements are being properly and promptly met."

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fulfilled desires of the past year
... and may that radiance fore-
cast the coming year as the best
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greeting—

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Christmas

Today I wish to centre my
thoughts on "The Christ of the
Christmas." Naturally at Christ-
mas time our thoughts turn to
what took place in Bethlehem of
Judea many years ago. Two verses
of Scripture come to my attention
in relation to the above. (1) "And
she shall bring forth a son and thou
shalt call His name Jesus: for He
shall save His people from their
sins." Matt. 1:21. (2) "I am the
good Shepherd: the good Shepherd
giveth His life for the sheep." John
10:11.

These verses have much mean-
ing. The first tells us that Jesus
was to save from sin. The second
the words of the Lord Jesus Him-
self, tells us that He was to die.
The Lord Jesus Who was born at
Bethlehem came to save. He also
came to die. He came to save be-
cause all men everywhere are sin-
ners. Without a Saviour it is im-
possible for them to enter heaven.
Can you imagine sin in heaven? Ne-
ver. It is a place of holiness, an un-
saved soul wouldn't feel at home
there. Salvation is necessary be-
cause "All have sinned and come
short of the glory of God." More-
over the "Wages of sin is death."
Eternal separation from God.

We also notice that Jesus came to
save His people from their sins.
In other words when the Lord Je-
sus saves a soul He breaks the pow-
er of sin in that life, so that there is
no longer any desire to walk in sin
but holiness. The things of this
world have lost their charm. They
who are really born again by the
Spirit of God no longer want the
pleasures of sin for a season (for
that is as long as they last at their
best) no matter how alluring they
may be. Like Abraham their af-
fections are fixed on another world,
so that like him they look for a
city which hath foundations whose
builder and maker is God. A true
Christian is other world minded.
Are we?

The second verse I referred to
tells us how this Salvation is made
possible. The good Shepherd (Je-
sus) gave Himself a ransom for
sinners. He made our salvation
possible. He the Lamb slain from
the foundation of the world, took
upon Himself at Calvary all our
guilt, despising the shame, being
made a curse for us, for it is writ-
ten "Cursed is everyone that hang-
eth on a tree." We must be care-
ful not to generalize these won-
derful truths. Salvation is a per-
sonal thing. John 3:16 tells us
that the "whosoever," you, me or
anybody else can have eternal life.
The source of eternal life is in Je-
sus Christ. "He that hath the Son
hath life; and he that hath not the
Son of God hath not life." As many
as receive Jesus have eternal life.
How do we receive Him, you may

ask. By appropriating to our own
hearts by faith what Jesus did for
us at Calvary. He died for me,
His blood atones for my sin. "The
blood of Jesus Christ, His Son,
cleanseth us from all sin." When
we acknowledge our guilt (our
sin) and confess our sin to God not
to man, (for there is only one me-
diator between God and man, the
man Christ Jesus): 1-Tim. 2:5, He
will forgive us our sin and cleanse
us from all unrighteousness. His
blood atones for the soul "Without
the shedding of blood there is no
remission."

At this Christmas time, we cele-
brate the birth of the Lord Jesus.
Is this all Christmas means to you?
Remember He came to die in order
that you may have eternal life,
and escape the pangs of the dam-
ned for an endless eternity. Jesus
is standing at your hearts door to-
day, won't you let Him in? Rev.
3:20. Today He is your Saviour,
tomorrow He may be your judge.
Why? Because He arose from the
grave and now sits at the right
hand of the Father, waiting for the
day when He shall judge the quick
and the dead.

A story is told of a young man
who, when driving a team of
horses, had the misfortune of hav-
ing a runaway. He was in serious
danger of being killed when a man
who knew him got the team stop-
ped and saved his life. A number
of years later this same lad was up
on trial, was sentenced very heav-
ily, and in a plea for mercy said to
the judge "You know me don't
you? I am the young man whose
life you saved at such and such a
time." "Yes," said the judge "I was
your saviour then, today I am your
judge." Just so my friend, the
Lord Jesus, the one Whose birth we
remember this Christmas season, is
your Saviour. If you reject Him
now, He will be your Judge at a
later date.

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Christmas Message

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However, there are various reasons for our giving and I would like all of you to know why we do these things.

You recall how it all began. God so loved this world that He gave His only Son, the greatest gift the world has ever known. Jesus was born in Bethlehem that the whole world of mankind might learn how God wanted them to live and to think. The coming of Jesus Christ was the greatest event in all history and proved the turning point, for, from then on men began to climb to a higher and fuller life seeking to establish peace and good will and to do the will of God as they had seen it in Jesus.

You recall some other Christmas gifts. The wise men came to Bethlehem bearing treasures, gold, frankincense and myrrh, and gave them to the Christ Child.

Many gifts have been given at Christmas time since then; some costly, others not so valuable in dollars and cents, but great in love.

When you are thinking of Christmas gifts this year, remember Jesus Himself: He Who came to bring light and life to you. Give Him something, the best is none too good, and the best gift you can give is yourself that henceforth your time, your thoughts and efforts may be worthy of Him and you may be one of His ambassadors of peace and good will.

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Session of the Village Council

Minutes of council meeting held December 9, 1948, in the village office, Irma, at 8:00 p.m.

Messrs. V. Hutchinson, C. P. Jones and W. Symington present. Mr. Symington in the chair.

Jones—That minutes of previous meeting be adopted as read.

Voters' list under revision and completed.

Symington—That annual grant to Salvation Army be deferred till next meeting.

Jones—That streets and sidewalks be sanded when necessary. Matters relating to rink discussed.

It was agreed that Village furnish cost of new hockey nets, to be disbursed from \$100.00 already allotted for the rink at previous meeting.

Various other matters were taken up for discussion, these however, were all deferred till subsequent meeting.

Financial statement presented. Municipal bank balance Bank of Montreal, C. \$609.34; cem. trust \$120.02; agric. trust \$414.01.

Jones—That statement be accepted and following accounts paid.

Wainwright school division 32 4th quarter req. \$1,458.20

Irma M.H.D. No. 55 208.84

R. A. McRoberts, rink and night watchman 130.00

A. C. Charter, sal. Nov. etc. 80.70

W. Symington, council meetings, 1948 22.00

C. P. Jones, council meetings 1948 22.00

V. Hutchinson, council meetings, 1948 24.00

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V. Hutchinson and Co., rink supplies 13.84

United Grain Growers, coal, rink 12.90

Fire equipment examined and found O.K.

Jones—That we adjourn.



A Christmas Thought

These are days when we are all in a big hurry to get home for there's no place like home when the Christmas wreath is glowing in the window. We are due right now to say our little piece—an old refrain it is true, but as warm and heartfelt as the first time we ever said it.

Merry Christmas

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Joy To All

Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world.

In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

A. C. Charter



To all the greetings addressed to you this Joyous Holiday Season we add our own with the hope your Christmas will be a memorable one

Central Garage

W. Symington, Prop.



"Let not one heart be sad today, May every child be glad and gay, God bless thy children, great and small, In lowly hut or castle hall, And may each soul keep festival At Christmastime."

Merry, Merry Christmas

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Food For Britain

MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE in Canada, other parts of the Commonwealth, and the United States have for the past eight years been sending parcels of food to Great Britain in an effort to relieve the shortages which have been acute there during that time. Many of the parcels have been sent directly to relatives or friends of the donors, but there have also been numerous shipments of food in bulk quantities, sent by governments and various interested groups for distribution in institutions and other places where there is need of it. Recently the British Ministry of Information published an article dealing with this subject, and giving a number of interesting facts and figures concerning these gifts of food which, in the words of the British writer "have been sent in an ever-increasing flow by donors in all parts of the Commonwealth and the United States."

Great Number From Canada

Since 1940 over fifty million gift parcels of food have been received in Britain. The greatest number sent from any one country has come from Canada, Canadians having sent a total of over eleven million. The next greatest number came from the people of the United States, who have sent ten and one half million parcels since 1940. These, together with gifts from other parts of the British Commonwealth have swelled the total number of packages received until the end of August, 1948, to fifty-one and a half million. In 1940, one and a half million individual food parcels reached Britain, while last year, they numbered thirteen and a quarter million. In addition to parcels sent by individual donors, the Commonwealth countries and the United States have sent more than 106 million pounds of gift food in bulk during the past two years. All food received in this way is distributed to hospitals and charitable institutions and care is taken to see that it reaches the needy, the sick and the aged.

Anxious To Share Food

Those who send food parcels to Britain or participate in the sending of bulk gifts, do so because they are aware of the shortages which exist there and are anxious to share the generous food supplies which are obtainable here with the British people. Few of these donors would wish to be thanked for what they do, but it is interesting to learn that recently a "Thank you" exhibition was opened in London by Mr. John Strachey, the Minister of Food. This exhibition included a series of photographs showing how gifts of food are collected and packed and the manner in which they are distributed in Britain among the aged and the needy. They also showed "something of the deep gratitude felt by all those who receive the welcome parcels from overseas." While it is to be hoped that the food situation in Britain will greatly improve before long, it is also to be hoped that the splendid generosity shown by this and other countries during the past eight years, will continue as long as there is need for it.

FARM QUARANTINE TO STOP RING ROT

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. — Lower Mainland hunters may encounter a new type of "no hunting" sign next year. It will be signed by the Provincial Government and really means business.

B.C. Potato Growers endorsed a motion here that would isolate all fields infected with ring rot, so the disease would not be carried from one farm to another.

DRILLING CONTRACT LET IN NORTH

PLAIN FLON, Man.—Rod McIsaac, diamond drill contractor, said that he had accepted a contract to drill 2,000 feet of ore on the north end of Beaver lake for the International Nickel company.

Drilling operations will get under way as soon as the ice on Beaver lake is of sufficient thickness to allow transportation of machinery to the new find.

It cleans as it polishes for all furniture and woodwork



When Your BACK Begins to Ache



FUNNY And OTHERWISE

The judge was just about to deliver his summing up of the case when he noticed that there were only 11 men in the jury box.

"Where is the twelfth juror?" he asked irritably. "That's all right, yer honor," the foreman answered genially: "he was called away on business, but he's left his verdict with me."

Tragedian: "My parents tried hard to keep me from becoming an actor."

Comedian: "I congratulate them on their success!"

A doctor was called in to see a very testy patient. "Well, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully, as he entered the bedroom.

"That," snapped the sick man, "is for you to find out."

"I see," said the doctor thoughtfully. "Well, if you'll excuse me, I'll go along and fetch a friend of mine—a veterinary surgeon. He's the only fellow I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

"Do you ever have a difference of opinion with your wife?" "Frequently, old man. But she doesn't know it."

The marble tournament was in full fury. One little boy had missed an easy shot, and let slip a real cuss word.

"Edward!" called a preacher from the spectator's bench. "What do little boys who swear when they are playing marbles turn into?"

"Golfers," was the reply.

"Talk about persistence. Three times he asked me to kiss him and three times I refused."

"Then what happened?" "Oh, well — one can't go on like that!"

Mother: "You were a very tidy boy not to throw your orange peel on the floor of the bus. Where did you put it?"

Johnny: "In the pocket of the man next to me."

Judge: "Could the motorist have mistaken you?"

Man: "He certainly could, your honor. He had the choice of hitting me or my wife, and he picked on me."

Immigration Tops Quarter-Million

OTTAWA — Post-war immigration into Canada has passed the quarter-million figure, immigration officials said.

Since the end of the war, Canada has received 254,000 persons, including European displaced persons brought in for employment by the Labor Department.

Largest single group is made up of Britons, with 130,000 immigrants from the United Kingdom having arrived in the Dominion.

Officials said it was expected around 100,000 would enter Canada next year, which would make 1949 the biggest immigration year since the end of the war. The only limitation was shipping space.



CANADIANS AWARDED CROIX DE GUERRE—Group Captain L. K. B. Hodson, who received the Croix de Guerre recently, is shown with his wife (left), after presentation at Toronto home of Paul Martin, French consul. Members of the Canadian armed forces were honored with CO. Gilbert Andrier, French military attaché, making the presentations. FO. R. B. Burns, shown with Mrs. Burns, (right), received Croix de Guerre.

An Easterner's View

The Prairies Come Back In More Ways Than One

The following is an article written by Austin F. Cross, appearing in his "Cross Town" column in the Ottawa Evening Citizen, and needs no explanation as he describes a trip to our fair Western provinces:

I CAME back from a 3,500 mile trip to Saskatchewan with my faith in Canada renewed. The more I travel in Canada, the more I am convinced of the indefatigable optimism there is in this country. The west should be the first place to cry havoc, since by comparison, they have so little, the east so much. But to hear them tell it, that's not the way they feel. They are, if anything, more than a little sorry for us.

The tendency in this part of the world often is to look toward the States, see how big and rich they are, note how by comparison small and remote we are, and thus develop an inferiority complex. Then it goes further, and we sometimes get blue about the future. There is none of that in the west.

As you travel across Canada, at least as far as Saskatchewan, you get the impression that many live the life without so much as seeing the States. Though it abuts their own prairie frontiers, many never give it a thought. Minneapolis is remote, and the contiguous cities of Fargo, Bismarck and Minot, seem small potatoes alongside Winnipeg, Regina and Moose Jaw, to say nothing of Brandon. Further west, of course, Butte and its faded glories is no match for Calgary, while not Billings and Great Falls combined can be mentioned in the same breath with Edmonton. Nor is there anything in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, that comes within a donkey's bray of being as good as Saskatoon.

There is a fine spirit in the west. Sometimes it concentrates in a virile anti-eastern bias every so often which is all to the good. I point to that chuckwagon operation by Calgary in Toronto to show where western spirit will take you. The prairie fellow throws his cap over the dam and doesn't give one either.

However, the spirit is finer and deeper than cowboy antics during a football final.

There is a real optimism out there about the future and to them it is unthinkable that there should be any other attitude. It used to be a country of next year's crop, to the effect that, "I should explain this. When a man was growing a crop, he might see one whole year's work go in one dry afternoon, or in ten minutes' hail. Instead of being disgusted, pulling up stakes, he would shrug his shoulders philosophically, and say: "Never mind, we'll get a good crop next year."

The west has done well recently, and thus has become a land where the superlative adjective is the true adjective. In Manitoba, the farmer is more contented as electrical devices take the place of back-breaking work. In fast Premier Campbell gives credit to rural electrification for keeping the boys and girls on the farms.

In Saskatchewan, the loneliness is going, with power farming and urban dwelling. I saw pictures in the last copy of the Saskatchewan News that prove my point. They showed three fine houses outside little Sturgis, as good as any city man might have, and certainly not for Island Park Drive anywhere.

I remember a little village called Sturgis, a poor village back in the

THE TILERS



Western Farmers Providing A Safeguard Against Any Recession

WINNIPEG. — The western farmer, producer of most of Canada's exportable food surplus, is keeping a flow of money into the Canadian economy and providing about the surest safeguard against any bad recession.

As a part of this, he is doing all right himself. Across the prairies one hears stories of wheat cheques to individual farmers running to \$10,000 and more, or of others carrying around in their work clothes creased and greasy cheques in four figures which they haven't bothered to cash. Many are holding one or even two years' wheat crops unsold, regarding them as so much money in the bank.

Much of this money is being saved because there is only a limited supply of heavy goods, such as cars and farm machinery, on which to spend it, and it is this surplus which will stand in good stead in less expansive days.

While much is being saved, much also is going into circulation for farm repairs and modernization, or purchase of more land. In many places the farm kitchen is turning from the old-fashioned range to a city-planned layout—with an assistant from rural electrification and modern fuels.

Across the provinces departments of agriculture and universities as well as farmers themselves, are giving thought to keeping farming on a profitable level.

Alberta officials see a good present trend towards an increase in forage

wonderful resurrection possible. The prairies have bounced back like a rubber ball, and they are a wonderful thing to see.

But don't measure the west in purely mercenary terms, in box car loadings. They have the spirit, and you have no machinery yet devised by scientists to measure that. I returned like a man re-vitalized by a new faith. Maybe I was a rundown battery that needed boosting anyway. But one trip to the west, and you feel that your eyes have seen the glory of a far finer tomorrow, and that Laurier will be right after all, and that this, the 20th century, will be Canada's without a doubt. Yes, this Canada of ours has what it takes.

crops, feed crops for livestock which do not deplete the land like wheat. Saskatchewan is somewhat concerned over a growth in wheat acreage, but has underway an intensive study designed to bring about the use of land for the crop for which it is best suited. Manitoba sees itself in a more stable condition agriculturally than Saskatchewan or Alberta, because of smaller farmers and more diversified crops.

Mechanization and larger farms in some instances, and more intensive use of the soil in others, are expected to lead to more efficient and larger production, with emphasis on quality and grading, and this raises the question:

"If we raise more food can we sell it?"

Generally the reply is believed to be "yes" for several reasons:

1. Increased population both in Canada and the United States, particularly in the United States.
2. Increased industrialization in both countries which leads not only to greater demands for the higher-priced type of crop.
3. Relief that the United States is close to the limit, under present circumstances, of its agricultural production and that she will have to turn more and more to Canada for food, just as she is doing for minerals.
4. Because much of the world is hungry and it is inexpedient politically, aside from humane reasons, to allow it to remain so.

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BURMA: LAND OF THE FROZEN FIRE

Asiatic Town Heart Of Ruby, Sapphire Mining Area



MINING FOR RUBIES—Left: Water washes gravel from pit mine's slope into pool at the bottom. Centre: The resultant ooze is now pumped up possible gems as it is washed down a

By WALTER BRIGGS

Central Press Canadian
Mogoke, Burma—Have you ever wondered when fingering a ruby ring or admiring a sapphire brooch just where these gorgeous gems originate?

Nestling in a small valley surrounded by mountains is Mogoke—a town of frame houses on stilts along narrow cobblestone streets which slope toward two small blue lakes. About 400 feet above sea level, Mogoke is roughly half way between the Irrawaddy river and the Kipling range—and the famous Leda road to China.

Mogoke is the home of rubies, which the Encyclopedia Britannica calls "the most valued of all gemstones," and sapphires, which are only slightly less valuable.

Gem mining is Mogoke's sole justification. It is the townspeople's chief preoccupation. "Ruby Town Health Home," says the sign—as if to emphasize this preoccupation—on the office of the bearded Sikh, who is Mogoke's lone physician.

My guide here is a retired British army officer, Maj. C. M. Enriquez, 64, a student of Mogoke folklore and gems. He has written widely on Burma, including books with such titles as A Burmese Arcady and Beautiful Burma.

The nearby mountains are part of the earth's original crust, Enriquez said, and are among the oldest in the world.

"The gems and other minerals—such as garnet, graphite and mica—were wrought by tremendous pressures of the earth's primeval conflagration," the major explained to me. Then added: "The ruby deposits have just been scratched."

Mogoke's history is shrouded. A Burmese royal edict in 1597 refers to the mines. The major believes that they probably were discovered by immigrant Chinese.

Several of antiquity's famous gems may have come from Mogoke, Enriquez said. "To our knowledge a stone like the great spinel in the Maltese cross of the British imperial crown, which was given by Pedro the Cruel to Edward, the Black Prince, could have come from nowhere else."

Rubies are also mined in Siam, Ceylon, India and Afghanistan. A few are found at Yogo Gulch, near

Utica, Mont., and Cowee Creek, Marion county, N.C. However, these mines are smaller than Mogoke's and the rubies are said to be inferior.

Nobody knows the size of the heaviest ruby ever discovered. The rubies formerly were a monopoly of the Burmese kings, who claimed all stones over a certain weight. To avoid their seizure by royal inspectors, miners cut up large ones.

Minday, next to last of Burma's kings, possessed a ruby the size of a small hen's egg, which he hung from the ear of his favorite elephant.

The heaviest known modern ruby is the Peace Ruby, discovered Nov. 11, 1918. It weighed 43 carats in its raw state, 24 carats cut—about the size of the marbles kids flip into the ring. It sold uncut for 309,000 rupees (about \$91,000).

Raw sapphires come much larger, sometimes the size of the human head. The best portions are cut away.

Rumors persist that at least one ruby larger than the Peace Ruby has been discovered since, but that owners are awaiting higher bids or seeking to evade taxes.

Dealing in stones is conducted furtively. They are spread on a tin plate on a tiny table. Squatting beside it, the buyer states his price under the table literally.

By pressing various finger joints, this is so that a competitive bidder may not know another's offer. The seller talks back in turn. This continues until a bargain is struck.

Stones valued up to 10,000 rupees are cut in Mogoke. More expensive ones are sent to Amsterdam, London and New York.

Many of the buyers are Indians and Chinese. Sometimes buyers come from further away. The major tells of an American who arrived several years ago:

"One night he threw a big farewell party at the club at which we noticed he continued to clutch a small leather bag. Accompanied by a heavy guard, he drove late that evening down to the Irrawaddy. A special boat whisked him, still guarded, to Mandalay."

"The guards stayed with him on the train to Rangoon. When he ar-

rived there he insured the bag—for 600,000 rupees."

Rubies and sapphires originate in the hard marble and limestone. They are sought, however, in gravel, carried into the valleys during millions of years of erosion.

A mine I visited was a pit about as wide as a city street and as deep as a two-story house. Racing through bamboo pipes, water from hill streams far above was played on the pit's walls. Mud and ore fell into a pool at the pit's bottom.

The mud was pumped up a steel pipe into a wooden trough where workmen deftly sorted it for the gleaming stones. From time to time we saw a workman pop a stone into a cup of bamboo stalk.

Women re-examined the mud for small gems which are sold for watch jewels or embroidery or "constructed" rubies.

The mines are worked mainly by Shans, the natives of the region, who wear towels around their heads like women at the hairdresser's.

Nearby, other mines were employing other methods. In one method, the mucky, they merely diverted a stream into a shallow trench.

In the twin, we well, method they dug holes about the diameter of a manhole 20 or 40 feet deep, then burrowed laterally like moles.

On other sites workmen were digging a lu, or tunnel, into hillsides, following natural crevices, which occasionally open into vast caverns.

The next time you drop into Tat-fany's or your hometown jewellers, think of this lazy valley town in upper Burma when you examine the rubies and sapphires. For the stones quite probably came from here.

TWO-YEAR TRIP AIDS TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

VANCOUVER.—Geography lessons are going to be particularly enthralling for one class of Sapperton, B.C., students this year.

For a teacher they have 21-year-old Lucy Varty, whose first-hand knowledge of the remote places of the earth rivets that of many of an old salt.

Miss Varty arrived home this summer after a two-year sea odyssey aboard Rev. John Antle's Reverie.

This summer she spent months with the "Greenfell off the west coast" navigating the intricate "inside" coastal waters.

She finds she must take to a land-lubber's occupation in order to make a living.

"I think some day she'll be off to sea again," muses Lucy's mother. "It will be difficult to keep her on dry land forever."

BOOTLEG MARKET IN DEER CARCASSES

WINNIPEG.—Provincial game wardens and R.C.M.P. were reported to be rounding up members of a ring operating large-scale bootleg market in deer carcasses. G. W. Malaher, director of the Provincial Game and Fisheries Department, said numerous arrests had been made in the area north of here.

Recalls When Indians Bound Their Skulls

VANCOUVER.—The days when British Columbia Indians bound their skulls to produce cone-shaped heads were recalled here recently by Rev. G. H. Raley.

Dr. Raley spent more than 50 years with the west coast natives, and now owns the "talking stick" carried by Chief Shakes when he went to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebration.

He remembers seeing an Indian woman whose head had been bound with cedar strips when a child so that it measured 16 inches from chin to crown.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

PRECEPTS

Precepts are the rules by which we ought to square our lives.

—Seneca.

The practice of good men are more subject to error than their speculations. I will, then, honor good examples, but endeavor to live according to good precepts. — Bishop Hall.

can easier teach twenty what were good to be done, than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching. — Shakespeare.

Jesus' teaching and practice of truth involved such a sacrifice as makes us admit its Principle to be Love. — Mary Baker Eddy.

God blesses still the generous thought. And still the fitting word He speeds. And Truth, at His requiring taught, He quickens into deeds. — Whittier.

The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds. — Edgar A. Guest. 2905

HEALTH

Obesity—A Disease

Obesity—the state of being overweight—is a disease and a dangerous one, it is stated in the current issue of Health, magazine published by the Health League of Canada.

In an article—"Obesity and Health"—Dr. N. Olney of Toronto says that obesity is one of the great problems of middle age—it is a definite deterrent to health. It may be classified into two main types, namely the acquired or simple type and the endocrine type which is due to glandular dysfunction. The acquired type is due to excessive intake of food or alcohol in relation to the amount of exercise.

Dr. Olney says that because of increased weight, muscular activity places a greater load upon the heart and the blood vessels. The result is that the heart works harder, and the blood pressure goes up to keep up the supply with the demand.

Diabetes is more common in the obese than in persons of normal weight. The incidence of gallstones is relatively high in the obese persons, while individuals who are overweight are said to be less resistant to infections and are poorer surgical risks than those of normal weight.

Dr. Olney says the two types of obesity must be differentiated by careful history, physical examination and laboratory tests before proper treatment can be administered to the patient. He reveals that women are more predisposed to obesity than men in the ratio of 10 to 1, owing to pregnancies, lack of exercise, menopause and food habits.

In discussing simple obesity, Dr. Olney states that this type is usually the result of the consumption of a high calorie diet in excess of energy requirements. He warns, however, that overweight persons should not stick to any diet too rigidly "because the body must have certain essential foods in order to remain healthy."

"The regimens of many diet kitchens and often physicians' diet lists are frequently dominated by traditions and empirical notions," Dr. Olney says. "Many special diets are quite complex, unscientific, and often, if continued over a long time, are positively dangerous because of nutritional imbalance that induces deficiency conditions."

"In diet planning, one should adhere as far as possible, to the normal well-balanced diet except in certain diseases of metabolism in which the balance of specific dietary essentials must be radically altered from the normal. Except in special temporary treatment, it is important to include in the diet protective foods that will provide all the vitamins, minerals and sufficient good quality protein."

"In certain restricted diets and in the treatment of conditions of malnutrition, the feeding of pure vitamins or minerals may be indicated to insure an abundant supply and to obtain quick improvement. But in general it is preferable to obtain a high intake of dietary essentials through the use of natural foods which are more likely to furnish other needed nutrients as well and be more pleasant to take."

Dr. Olney emphasizes that each obese person must be treated individually and his diet must be adjusted accordingly.

Helpful Hints

Instead of putting another blanket on your bed put a sheet over those already on, it acts as insulation and doesn't add weight.

First Aid to a white mark or ring on your table top is linseed oil, or half-and-half linseed oil and turpentine. Moisten a cloth with the linseed oil, wash and rub the spot thoroughly. Hot linseed oil is good for filling in scratches too.

If you are sure fried chicken is done, cut through the thick leg muscle to the bone; if the meat cuts easily and there isn't any trace of red at the bone the chicken's well cooked.

Princess Margaret Rose Gets Laughs From Courtship Rumors

(By NORMAN CRIBBENS, Canadian Press)

LONDON.—Since Margaret celebrated her 17th birthday more than a year ago, gossip has been busy with the names of no less than nine men as likely husbands. They are former King Michael of Romania, Prince George of Denmark, the Marquess of Milford Haven, the Marquess of Blandford, the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Dalkeith, Lord Forchester, Lord John Hope, son of the Marquess of Linlithgow, and Lord Ogilvy.

Lately the list has been thinned down. Michael and the Earl of Derby have married, while Prince George of Denmark has publicly denied he is courting Margaret.

When the Marquess of Blandford was invited to Balmoral last summer it was rumored he was being put through his paces as a possible royal husband.

But since his return from Scotland, he has been escorting Sharmar Douglas, daughter of the United States Ambassador to Britain.

The Marquess now is described as one of Princess Margaret's best friends—nothing more. The young Lords Forchester and John Hope also have been relegated to this category.

Most favored at present is the gay, good-looking Marquess of Milford Haven, who was the Duke of Edinburgh's best man at the Duke's wedding.

A former naval officer, he recently went to the United States as a radio salesman.

Royal circles believe Margaret has no favorite at the moment. But inevitably, every time she goes out with a young man, a new rumor is started. Friends say she laughs at most of these rumors but is irritated when gossip writers "go too far."



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE

Newest Gadgets Very Definite Help To Blind

NEW YORK.—A blind man can now thread a needle.

With latest gadgets he can also play cards, chicken, go fishing, cook, cut a roast, even read a slide rule or a micrometer that measures to two thousandths of an inch.

These devices by which the blind can expand their vocational and recreational horizons are on display at New York headquarters of American Foundation for the Blind, which acts as a clearing house for information on such gadgets.

Much of the equipment has been developed and designed by blind people themselves and now is commercially produced.

Charles Ritter, foundation's supervisor of technical research, displayed a plastic and metal needle threader. It automatically aligns needles as a metal hook, operated by a metal strip protruding from the end of the threader, can be passed through the needle eye into a slot which receives the thread.

How does the blind housewife separate an egg? Simple. She uses a funnel which retains the yolk and allows the white to slip through.

Many Names Suggested For Royal Baby

LONDON.—Why not call him Jake?

The Evening News, one of the newspapers conducting a poll on the most popular name for the Prince born to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, said that entry had come from Chicago.

"You can't imagine King Jake the first?" Frankly, said the Evening News columnist.

What names the baby will be given is Britain's favorite guessing game. Buckingham Palace sources say it is foolish even to guess.

But people everywhere are willing to help with suggestions.

The newspaper polls say the favorite names are Philip, for the father, George for the King, and Edward for the Duke of Windsor.

One English housewife suggested "Philip Edward Andrew Christopher Ernest."

"The first letters of these names spell P-E-A-C-E which is what every mother wants," she wrote.

Other suggestions have been Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano.

MONTANA CATTLE CHEW UP DYNAMITE

BILLINGS, Mont.—Montana livestock have been munching dynamite and fence posts.

Deputy Harold Price brought 78 sticks of dynamite to the sheriff's office here, saying it apparently had been scattered along a highway after it fell from a truck.

Price said a farmer reported his cows ate several sticks and a neighbor said children brought 14 sticks into her yard.

Another farmer reported neighbor's horses and calves ate a fence consisting of cedar posts.

Smile of the Week—

NOT NOW

The customer was ordering a new suit. His tailor, however, told him it would not be ready for six months. "Six months?" cried the customer. "Why the whole world was created in six days."

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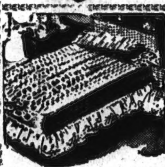
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BOYS' SWEATERS

Warm wool pullovers, lovely wool jackets, V-neck pullovers. Priced from **2.85**

BOYS' SHIRTS

Warm doeskin shirts with two-way collars. **1.95**

California Double-Dater sport shirts. **2.98**

Limited range Arrow print shirts, from **1.75**

All wool Sporter shirts **5.95**

BOYS' SOCKS

All wool school socks in grey, at **75¢**

Fancy socks, cotton or wool, priced from **39¢**

Three-quarter Sportboy in some sizes **1.25**

BOYS' PYJAMAS

Cozy warm flannelette pyjamas. Good bright patterns, all sizes. Priced at **2.95**

BOYS' JACKETS

Gay block patterns red all wool Sporters, kasha lined. Priced at **7.50**

Carleton Jackets, warm and smart. Take the place of a suit coat. Priced at **3.95**

Lighter weight lined jackets in sharkskin or convoy cloth. Priced at **5.50 5.95**

Boys' Belts, Slippers, Overshoes, Tie Sets,

Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Brecks

Overshoes

For the snowy days ahead. Overshoes for the family. Men's, boys' girls' and women's. In cashmerette or rubber. Women's dress velvet numbers at special prices.

Luggage

A few nice numbers in McBrine overnight bags, hat boxes, Aero-Light suit cases, for a special gift. Priced from **7.50 to 27.95**

Christmas FOODS

THRIFT-PRICED

NUTS—Last call, limited quantity, get them now.

Soft Shell American Walnuts, lb. **59¢**

Lovely full kernel Filberts **2 lbs. 89¢**

Pecans, large, soft shell, lb. **59¢**

POPPING CORN, South American large kernel. 2 lbs. **29¢**

CHISTMAS CANDY, Satin Cushions, Creams and Jellies.

Coconut Cubes and Waffles, Ladies' Caramels **45¢ 49¢**

Lowney's 5-lb. palis Hard Candy **2.49**

CHOCOLATES. A limited amount of Ganong's, Neilson's

Lowney's, fancy boxes, priced from **1.25**

Vesta Chocolates, 1 lb. cello pack, per bag **95¢**

PINEAPPLE, choice Australian pieces, 20 oz. tins **2 for 79¢**

SHELLED NUTS, Brazil, Almonds, Walnuts, cello packed,

MINCEMEAT, good mince meat in bulk, glass jars or tins.

HOT CHOCOLATE, Staffords hot super-chocolate **35¢**

FRESH Oranges, Grapefruit, Grapes, Celery, Lettuce,

Tomatoes, etc., for your Christmas Dinner.

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